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Mary V. Thomas, Governor Gila River Indian Community P.O. Box 97 Sacaton, Arizona 85247

## Dear Governor Thomas:

This letter responds to your request to review and approve the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Gila River Indian Community (Tribe). The amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the Tribe by Ordinance No. GR-07-94 on December 21, 1994. This letter constitutes such approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Under the IGRA and the regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the Chairman is directed to review amendments to ordinances with respect to the requirements of the IGRA and the implementing regulations. Thus, the scope of the Chairman's review and approval is limited to the requirements of the IGRA and the NIGC regulations.

Thank you for submitting the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Gila River Indian Community. The NIGC staff and I continue to look forward to working with you and the Tribe in implementing the IGRA.

Sincerely yours,

Harold A. Monteau

Chairman

## **ORDINANCE GR-07-94**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED GAMING ORDINANCE GR-01-94, SECTION 00.411

- whereas, the Gila River Indian Community (the "Community") entered a fully executed compact with the State of Arizona providing for the joint regulation of Class III Gaming within the Community on July 6, 1993; and
- whereas, the Community adopted the Gaming Ordinance, GR-04-94, regulating the conduct of all Class II and Class III Gaming within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation on January 19, 1994, which was duly approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission and subsequently published in the Federal Register on April 15, 1994, pursuant to Section 2710(d)(2)(b) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 00.301 of the Gaming Ordinance, the Gila River Indian Community Council (the "Community Council") established "...the Gila River Gaming Commission for the purpose of regulating all gaming conducted within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation."; and
- WHEREAS, by enactment of the Gaming Ordinance, the Community Council delegated the authority to the Governor and the General Counsel to respond to changes required by the National Indian Gaming Commission and when any change or amendments were made, that the Community Council would be advised of the changes no later than the next regularly scheduled Community Council meeting; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor and the General Counsel have submitted changes in the nature of amendments to the National Indian Gaming Commission and these changes have been found to be acceptable.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Council hereby adopts the attached amendments to the Gaming Ordinance, GR-01-94 for the regulation of Class II and Class III gaming on the Reservation and in compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Compact.

- 00.411 LICENSING OF A NATURAL PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE
- A. The Commission shall not grant a License or finding of suitability to an individual under the age of eighteen (18) year of age.
- B. The Commission shall not grant a License or finding of suitability to an individual under the age of twenty-one (21) years which involves the serving of alcoholic beverages at any Gaming facility, unless otherwise permitted by State Law.

## CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to authority contained in Article XV, Section 1 (b), (6), and Section 4 of the amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community, ratified by the Tribe January 22, 1960 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 17, 1960, the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 21st day of DECEMBER, 1994, at a Regular Community Council Meeting held in District #3, SACATON, ARIZONA, at which a quorum of 14 members were present by a vote of 10 FOR; 3 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN; 3 ABSENT; 0 VACANCY.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

GOVERNOR/

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JAN 1 n 1995

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

Superintendent, Pima Agency